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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ROUTER VIRTUAL NETWORKING**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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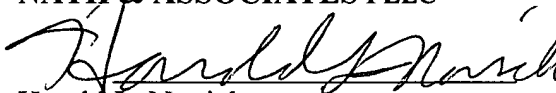
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- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Response to Office Action;

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Dear Commissioner:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 7, 2006. The three month shortened statutory period to respond is set to expire December 7, 2006, which makes this a timely filed response to the present Office Action. If an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is required and has not separately been petitioned for, please consider this response as including a request for such Extension of Time and as a further authorization to charge any fee for such Extension of Time, as may be required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page **2** of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page **3** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page **14** of this paper.